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In re Application of)

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For: CANISTER PURGE VALVE FOR HIGH)
REGENERATION AIR FLOW)

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A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

Prior to the continued examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 25 and 26 as follows:

--25. (New) A purge solenoid valve assembly having a valve driven by a solenoid, the assembly comprising:

a bobbin;

a wire wound around the bobbin;

at least one terminal electrically connected to the wire; and

a pin having a first portion at least partially surrounded by the bobbin and adjacent a second portion, the first portion having a cross-sectional area greater than a cross-sectional area of the second portion, the pin being displaceable with respect to the bobbin when an electric current flows through the wire;

an overmolded cap generally encapsulating the bobbin and the wire, the overmolded cap including a connector body formation partially encapsulating the at least one terminal;